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SUBJECT: PM AND DEFMIN SCOFF AT LEFTIST CRITICISM OF U.S.
DEFENSE TIES; WE SHOULD, TOO

REF: NEW DELHI 5108

Classified By: Charge Robert O. Blake, Jr. for Reasons 1.4 (B, D)

¶1. (C) Summary: To place Left Parties' continuing attacks on the New Framework for US-India Defense in context, Defense Minister Pranab Mukherjee Faces Down Leftist Hysteria

¶2. (C) Mukherjee returned from the US determined to defend the agreement against Left criticism and was backed by the PM, but the unexpected ¶3. (U) In an attempt to head-off the Left's threatened demonstration against the Framework Agreement only a few days before the PM's visit to ¶4. (U) In his first interaction with the Indian media since returning from the US, DefMin Mukherjee on July 5 downplayed the Left's strong cr ¶5. (U) On missile defense, the Minister's remarks were consistent with Congress' indigenously-focused approach, but did not rule out collabor Mukherjee Points Out the Advantages

¶6. (U) On July 8, Mukherjee underscored that the Agreement paves the way for India to "bridge the critical gap in technology we have develop ¶7. (U) On July 11, Mukherjee again defended the Agreement, talking to Left leaders to explain the government's reasoning. For the first time, And the PM Also Tries to Hose Them Down

¶8. (U) Buttressing Mukherjee's defense of the Framework Agreement, the PM dismissed the Left's criticism in an interview with "The Hindu" e But the Comrades Stick to their Kalashnikovs

¶9. (U) Convinced that DefMin Mukherjee and the UPA are not responding to their criticism of the agreement, Left leaders held a public meeting ¶10. (U) Karat, who is now visiting China, expanded his criticism in a July 10 "Asian Age" editorial, in which he voiced strong disapproval The Majority Supports the Agreement Anyway

¶11. (U) Despite the Left's vitriol, Indian media and strategic commentators have generally been supportive of the Agreement and dismissive of ¶12. (C) In a July 11 meeting with the Charge, MEA Joint Secretary (Americas) S. Jaishankar warned that the Left SIPDIS attack on Mukherjee had been more furious than expected, and cautioned us not to underestimate the challenge the UPA will face in accele EVEN LEFT-LEANING COMMENTATOR SAYS LEFT IS A SPENT FORCE

¶13. (C) Respected left-leaning gray-beard security analyst and Manmohan Singh confidant Prem Shankar Jha explained to us that the squawks of They're a Bunch of Self-Serving Bums, Anyway

¶14. (C) Respected senior diplomat Naresh Chandra told us July 12 that the left parties have nothing to offer except hysteria. Their electoral Comment: We'll Meet Them on the Hustings, Comrade

¶15. (C) The soft-spoken economist-turned DefMin may have earned some combat clout this week both for his efforts to allay the concerns of the BLAKE "